

**JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF JAPAN  
AND  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
CONCERNING  
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION  
IN THE AREA OF HYDROGEN AND FUEL CELLS**

The Department of Energy of the United States of America and the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan (hereinafter referred to as the "Participants");

NOTING the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of Japan on Cooperation in Research and Development in Energy and Related Fields, signed at Washington on May 2, 1979, as extended and amended;

NOTING further the Terms of Reference of the International Partnership for the Hydrogen Economy of November 20, 2003;

SHARING an interest in pursuing pre-competitive research and development (R&D) in the field of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies; and

RECOGNIZING the contribution such R&D can make to the development of a hydrogen economy and to cost-effective technologies to meet future global energy needs,

Hereby declare their intentions as follows:

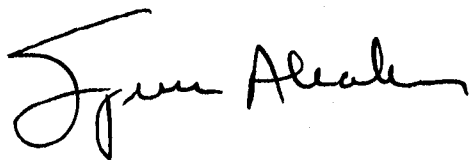
1. The Participants intend to consider conclusion of an appropriate written arrangement for R&D cooperation in fuel cell technology and hydrogen production, storage and infrastructure technologies.
2. Following signature of this Joint Statement, the Participants intend to:
  - (A) Bring together cognizant officials and technical experts, including private sectors, to organize and participate in workshops and seminars on mutually determined topics in the area of fuel cells and hydrogen production, storage, and transport technologies;
  - (B) Exchange experts and share information on current policies, technological programs and developments in the area of fuel cells and hydrogen, including recommendations for common codes, standards and regulations and requirements to develop hydrogen fueling infrastructure; and

(C) Participate in additional activities, as may be decided upon by mutual consent.

3. This Joint Statement is not intended to create legally binding obligations between the Participants.
4. Both Participants share the recognition that the Participants' ability to undertake the activities contemplated by the Joint Statement is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.
5. The Participants intend that the collaboration contemplated by this Joint Statement may commence upon signature. The terms of the Joint Statement may be altered at any time in writing. If either Participant desires to terminate its activities under this Joint Statement, it is to give 30 days' written notice to the other Participant.

Signed at Tokyo in duplicate this <sup>8<sup>th</sup></sup> day of January, 2004.

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENERGY OF THE UNITED  
STATES OF AMERICA:**



**FOR THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY,  
TRADE AND INDUSTRY OF  
JAPAN:**

